

POLITICAL

Waters Are Again to Be Muddled With Agitation For Prohibition.

Democrats See Plan of Haly-Beckham Machine to Obtain Control.

Local Democratic Ticket, Carefully Selected, Should Win Easily.

REPUBLICAN LEADERS INCAPABLE

As was expected, the old bogey prohibition has again come to the front to muddle the political waters in Kentucky, and as in the past will create more havoc in the Democratic party than in the Republican. The stinging and decisive defeat of McChesney by Stanley Green, the 1915 primary encouraged Democrats in the belief that the result would mean the elimination of the prohibition question in the Democratic party for some time to come. There was no question in the minds of the voters as to what the candidates represented. Messrs. Stanley and McDermott received the votes of those who favored either county unit or some liberal policy, while McChesney had been selected by the Haly-Beckham alliance to make the race on a strictly dry platform. Beckham, choosing McChesney as the candidate and Haly choosing the issue, the latter believing that the time was ripe to unite all of the anti-saloon leaguers and fanatics and secure control of the Democratic party. McChesney's nomination would have been the starting point of a reign of fanaticism in the Democratic party, the Beckhams plan being to ostracize any Democrat that would not subscribe to their beliefs and then dictate the nominations in every city, town or hamlet in the state. That plan, if successful, would have put a premium on hypocrisy in the Democratic party and shoved to the front a lot of narrow-minded prohibition advocates, whose only claim to Democracy was that no one had caught them in the act of taking a drink.

Realizing that Beckham has lost caste with the present national administration and is growing weaker daily as a political power, Haly sees the handwriting on the wall and is once again attempting to secure control of the Kentucky Democracy, with prohibition as the leverage to secure that control. The gathering here last week of prominent men from different sections of the state for the formation of an organization to bring the prohibition question before the voters all the ear-marks of Percy's fine Italian hand, several of the gentlemen named being life-long Beckham-Haly adherents. In that connection it is not known whether they all are Beckham-Haly supporters and are Democrats or not, but this much is known, the two Louisville representatives mentioned, Col. P. H. Callahan and Henry M. Johnson, were supporters of Wood Axton, the Bull Moose nominee for Mayor, against Mayor Buschmeyer, the Democratic nominee in 1915. But this much is known, the two Louisville representatives mentioned, Col. P. H. Callahan and Henry M. Johnson, were supporters of Wood Axton, the Bull Moose nominee for Mayor, against Mayor Buschmeyer, the Democratic nominee in 1915. But this much is known, the two Louisville representatives mentioned, Col. P. H. Callahan and Henry M. Johnson, were supporters of Wood Axton, the Bull Moose nominee for Mayor, against Mayor Buschmeyer, the Democratic nominee in 1915.

Local political attention is being turned to the entries for the Democratic primary nominations next year, as all realize that a good ticket will win easily, when it is taken into consideration that the local Republican organization in the recent election was headed by a demagogue, despite the handicap of the heavier Republican campaign fund and negro vote in history. Some of the disgruntled Republican workers say that the fund was not used for election expenses, but that thousands of dollars were used to buy votes in the district. The local G. O. P. leaders taking their cue from Wall Street, which believed that by betting a whole lot of money your candidate was sure of success. Another and detrimental feature to local Republican success is the crude tactics of the present Republican dictators. In every campaign for the past several years the Chilton-Searcy machine sends out the day before election a glaring circular to Democratic election officers and workers, warning them if they don't be good they will be prosecuted, citing the awful fate of the Republican election thieves in Terre Haute. The same old bogey circular was sent again this past election, being a sort of stop-thief method, while imported negroes were being voted, but the point is that the present Republican machine follows the old stereotyped methods and sadly needs the brains of an Albert Scott, George Long, George Todd or Ed Green, who are smart politicians.

Sheriff Charley Cronan is still getting the call for the Democratic nomination for Mayor, with ex-Mayor Head being among those mentioned, rumor having it that our ex-Mayor cleaned up, as they say, in steel stock and wouldn't mind having a little change in the primary. Al Emier seems to have

the support of many of the leaders for Sheriff, with Herman Cohn, Joe Overberg and Will McNally as mentioned entries. Those who study the game say that Will McNally will not even enter for two reasons, first because a lawyer would hardly drop his practice for the position of Sheriff, and secondly and principally he could not consistently run for Sheriff with Charley Cronan, a candidate for Mayor, both being known and identified with the same Democratic clubs and district since their entrance into the political arena. The candidacy of both would be antagonistic to the opinions of Democracy, which believes that to the victor belongs the spoils as long as all the spoils are not placed in one basket. Either Mr. Cronan or Mr. McNally would have to retire and it is believed that Mr. McNally will step aside for Mr. Cronan, who in the opinion of many has the prior right.

Jaller Charles Foster on his splendid record will be unopposed next year, while W. H. Meffert or his assistant, Owen Cochran, will be the candidate for Auditor. Adolph Schmitt will be a candidate for City Tax Receiver, with Charles Milliken as a possible opponent. Andrew M. Sea, present Tax Receiver, will be a candidate for City Treasurer. Judge Boldrick, Thomas Walsh, Hunter Burke and Neal Junk are being mentioned for County Judges. Judge Green, Loran Mix and Tyler Barnett are talked of for County Judge. Allen Smith, with the backing of John and Ed Barry, will be a good bet for County Assessor. Joe Ludwig is the first in the field for County Commissioner and is making a good campaign. Rumors of a dark horse against Pres Ray will not do, and with the rumor goes the story of a pot of several thousand dollars raised to aid the above dark horse. Talk of an opponent for Judge Shook Miller for the Court of Appeals is already being aired and Judges Kirby, Field and Lincoln are given frequent mention.

ENJOYABLE ANNIVERSARY.

One of the most enjoyable occasions of the past year was the tenth anniversary celebration of St. Elizabeth's Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John on Thursday night of last week at St. Peter's Hall, Seventeenth and Garland. The hall was tastefully decorated with the national colors and at an early hour was thronged with friends of the ladies and the Knights. There was a great cheer when the drill team, attired in white and each member bearing a silk United States flag, made its appearance. The ladies were escorted through an intricate and beautiful drill by Col. Paul Breen, in which they acquitted themselves in a manner that would do credit to any military company now on the Mexican border. At its conclusion the assemblage participated in a song and a prayer, to which the ladies and the Knights responded. The drill was followed by a delicious fruit and plate supper. Following the supper Mrs. P. J. Breen, who presided, welcomed the guests in happy manner and stated the purposes of the auxiliary. Before the singing of the hymn, Edmund Kaiser, the Spiritual Adviser and speaker of the evening, Father Kaiser said it was a source of great pleasure and satisfaction to be invited to say a few words. The drill, he said, showed preparedness with a vim. The ladies and the Knights, he said, had been moral and spiritual development and charitable work had been advanced. In conclusion he asserted the auxiliary had been a source of great benefit to its every member, upon whom he bestowed the benediction. William M. Higgins, the next speaker, congratulated the ladies and urged them to continue the work of organization. Ben Stoesser spoke for the Knights of St. John, commending the auxiliary and Col. Breen, whose indefatigable work was evidenced in the drill. He then called Col. Breen, presenting him a beautiful and costly emblem ring of the Knights of St. John amidst rounds of applause. The rotund Colonel was too much surprised to find words to express his feelings and could only say he was "taken off his feet," but the ring would be worn with pride and honor. An hour was given to a reunion, in which many made application to become members, the anniversary being in every way a pronounced success.

MACKIN COUNCIL.

Mackin Council had another memorable day Sunday, when the membership was largely increased and home made bread sale for the benefit of that most deserving institution next Wednesday at the Stewart Dry Goods store, Walnut Street entrance. Mrs. Ella Netherland will have charge. Here will be an opportunity to secure excellent bread and cakes for the Thanksgiving day dinner.

CAKE AND BREAD SALE.

Lady friends of the Visitation Home for working girls will hold a cake and home made bread sale for the benefit of that most deserving institution next Wednesday at the Stewart Dry Goods store, Walnut Street entrance. Mrs. Ella Netherland will have charge. Here will be an opportunity to secure excellent bread and cakes for the Thanksgiving day dinner.



STARTING FOR THE BATTLE IN FRANCE. Photo shows a scene in the British trenches on the morning of the battle. The soldiers are shown leaving their trenches for the advance.

IRELAND

Conscription Is Vigorously Assailed by the Leaders and Public Bodies.

Big Organizations Denounce Programme and Call For Home Rule.

London Papers Insist That Ireland Must Support Her Soldiers.

NEED FOR MEN VERY URGENT

From Dublin comes news that leading organizations in Ireland have adopted resolutions denouncing plans for conscription. Among them are the Cloness Guardians, the Cork Guardians, the Gallanore Urban Council, the Kerry County Council and the Athlone Council. M. J. Lennon, Chairman of the Athlone recruiting committee, declared he was unalterably opposed to conscription, and that voluntary recruiting could be made a success only when home rule was put into operation.

The Celbridge Guardians marked "Read" the resolution of the Cork Guardians against compulsory service, and a similar order was made with regard to the Corporation resolution calling for the release of the Irish prisoners in England. The Carlow Guardians have unanimously passed a resolution strongly protesting against conscription.

According to London press dispatches, Gen. Sir Hugh MacMahon, writing to the London Daily Mail, in reply to a correspondent, said there would be no more rebellions, says it is always unsafe to prophesy unless you know, more particularly if your prophetic instinct is opposed to the facts of history. The observations on martial law, he adds, being the cause of continual distress are absolutely opposed to all the facts as they are.

The Duke of Bedford, in the London Morning Post, criticizes the Government for not giving the figures of any deficiencies in Irish regiments, and says that British soldiers transferred without their consent to Irish units serve to conceal the lack of Irish-born men in Irish regiments.

Ireland, says the Dublin correspondent of the London Times, "must be either persuaded or compelled to support her own soldiers in France."

"Mr. Asquith's words made it clear," says the Spectator, "that the Government has not closed the door on the idea of compulsory service for Ireland. Looking back we recognize that it might have been better to coax Ireland along by gradual stages in company with ourselves."

INTERESTING LECTURE.

Rev. Father Francis O'Connor, of the Cathedral parish, gave the members of Trinity Council an interesting lecture Monday evening, his subject being a description of life in Rome, where he was stationed four years, and where he read his first mass. His lecture was much enjoyed by his hearers. Father O'Connor is an honorary member of Mackin Council. Thirty-five members were added to Trinity's membership roll as the result of the campaign which closed Monday, and President B. J. Sandmann and his

CATHOLICS

Should Now Realize the Necessity For a Constructive Viewpoint.

Positive Attitude Should Characterize Over Catholic Social Activity.

Dr. Ryan's Contribution Toward That End Has Done Much.

ILLS THAT MUST BE CORRECTED

Negativeness of any kind goes but a little distance. It accomplishes but little at any time, and in the end practically nothing. Criticism of false proposals is indeed needed—and needed greatly—but criticism which is not coupled with a recognition of real existing evils, responsible for the erroneous doctrines, and which is unconnected with sound and constructive ideas of positive action is barren and wasteful. In the social field, which should be the occasion of so much grave consideration for us, this is strikingly the case. There has certainly been enough criticism, small numbers of the people, the increase in land values, the whole uncertainty and insecurity of our economic structure, should make us realize that changes are necessary for the benefit of the great mass of the people, and the necessity for change which gives extreme and destructive proposals the occasion for their existence.

Catholics should therefore not alone be concerned with the incorrectness and evils of certain ideas, but should be equally anxious to positively bring about some remedy for the injustices which give rise to these ideas. They should not spend all their energies in attacks upon radical propaganda, as necessary as this may be, but should also strive to carefully study the disquieting conditions of the times and to forward for their correction. The congested conditions in the cities for instance, with all the social and economic ills that they contain, which give color and excuse for the spread of birth control among the poorer classes and the proposition to confiscate the land, can not be allowed to continue while we content ourselves merely with a broadside upon these destructive doctrines. We must strive to go into the depths of these questions and root out the causes which give a shade of half truth to these ideas which are being spread far and wide.

This is not an easy task it is true, for our social problems are not simple affairs but very complex matters. One of the great attractions in such proposals as socialism and single tax is that they offer a simple remedy as a panacea for all the ills from which we are suffering. The causes of our difficulties are complex and intertwining, and a simple remedy at the best looks at but one side of a many sided shield. We must not allow the intricacy of the situation to discourage us and cause us to withdraw. The duty is to meet the condition and do something in the matter, and our reluctance may bring along the whole house of social cards down upon our necks and those of our fellows. We can take encouragement in such a view in that leaders are rising up among us to give us the proper viewpoint, so much desired by Dr. John A. Ryan, who has already done much in this direction by his well known work on "A Living Wage" and his various smaller articles on minimum wage legislation. He has not confined himself to such efforts as his debate with Elliquist or his other refutations of Socialism, but has come forward with some posi-

ANNUAL COMMUNION SUNDAY.

Tomorrow morning the Louisville members of the Knights of Columbus will assemble at St. Louis Bertrand's church, when they will receive holy communion in a body. Right Rev. Bishop O'Donnoghue will grace the occasion with his presence.

On Wednesday evening the Very Rev. Father T. L. Crowley, O. P., Prior of St. Louis Bertrand's, will deliver an address before Louisville Council on "Our Order and Its Dead." At this meeting Past Grand Knight Frank A. Geher will speak about the deceased members of Louisville Council 330.

NEW ALBANY.

St. Theresa Auxiliary and St. Edward's Community, Knights of St. John, of New Albany, made an impressive showing Sunday morning at Holy Trinity church, where they attended mass and received holy communion in a body. They were welcomed by Rev. Father Curran, the pastor, who delivered a short but appreciative sermon.

live proposals. In his newly issued book on "Distributive Justice" he adds another contribution to positive, constructive reform. He acknowledges that the matter is complex and tedious, but he stoutly breasts the stream of difficulties and clearly lays down certain ideas of change which will decidedly make for better and more equitable conditions. He does not rest content with merely showing in a clear-cut and convincing fashion the errors of the Socialists and Henry George men in their attacks on the justice of private property, but he likewise states that the right of private property has been greatly exaggerated and proceeds to outline certain proposals for relief in regard to our unsatisfactory land situation that will do much good. He does not merely refute radical suggestions concerning industrial affairs, but shows how through a legal minimum wage, the activity of trade unions and an increase in co-operation we could do much together with other State action, to equalize the present untenable situation in industry. He emphasizes strongly the necessity of distributing superfluous wealth upon the part of those who have more than enough to satisfy their necessary wants. We note, in other words, throughout his entire work a positive, constructive tone that is refreshingly welcome.

It is to be hoped that there will be in this country more efforts in this direction, not alone in treatises of this kind but in actual activity on the part of Catholics toward reform. They should enter into the life of the community—basing their actions always on true Christian principles. These principles, they must be the clear and positive view in their essence, and so must their action be. Catholic attacks on Socialistic and other radical propaganda should not be mere apologies for capitalistic and agrarian exploitation and oppression. There must be the clear and positive view that present ills must be corrected, but in the right way. That is the thing greatly to be desired.

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SELECTING BISHOPS.

Selection of the Bishops of the Catholic church in the United States, under a recent ruling of the Vatican, will be made under the old system which was in use here until twenty years ago, according to a dispatch from Rome published in the Tablet, the official organ of the diocese of Brooklyn and Long Island. The dispatch reads: "The new procedure for the selection of American Bishops, which has been ordered by Pope Benedict XV, through the Congregational Commission, abolishes the system of the submission of a ternum of names chosen by the irremovable rectors after the death of a Bishop to the Bishops of an ecclesiastical province. Pope Benedict's new order establishes in its stead a system of private inquiry by the Bishops of each province to select suitable priests, whose names are to be secretly balloted for at a meeting of the Bishops held under the presidency of the Archbishop. The names of those chosen are to be granted to Rome as the official list of candidates for the selection of three names by the Bishops."

Catholic priests expressed the opinion that the change makes the status of the United States, with its two million Catholics, a missionary country. For a score of years the irremovable rectors have been selecting their own Bishops. After the death of a Bishop they would meet with the diocesan council and select the names of three men which they sent to Rome. Under the new order the power reverts to the Bishops of the province and the rectors have no voice in the selection.

ST. JOSEPH ORPHAN HOME.

The annual election of officers of the St. Joseph Orphan Society will take place at the December meeting, to be held at the orphanage on Sunday, December 3. Those who have been nominated are:

President—Henry Bossee, re-election, his opponent being Nicholas Bossee.
Vice President—John Tobie, Henry H. Frenke.
Recording Secretary—Joseph Heinemann, Leo H. Harrington.
Financial Secretary—A. H. Hukerbeck, Edward J. J. Borja.
Corresponding Secretary—Charles G. Pfeiffer, John F. Horina.
Treasurer—John B. Ratterman, George Bohr.

The installation will not take place until Sunday, January 14. At the last meeting it was unanimously decided to extend seventy feet both wings of the present home on Frankfort avenue, and the chapel will also be enlarged. The home, built to accommodate 100 children, can easily house 125, but as the number has gone to 185 an extension was necessary. When the improvements are made there will be ample room for 250.

HOLY NAME SMOKER.

The next of the series of smokers under the auspices of the Holy Name Society of St. Louis Bertrand's church will be given next Wednesday evening in Bertrand Hall, and the members of the society have invited members of the Holy Name societies of sister parishes to be their guests. A musical programme will be rendered and the lecture, which is a feature of these smokers, will be delivered by Malcolm Elliott, who was one of the "government engineers on the Panama canal, and he will tell of all great engineering enterprises."

Rev. T. L. Crowley took part in all the ceremonies.

DOMINICANS

Happily End Their Anniversary Celebration Last Sunday at Washington.

Big Civic Meeting at the Pol Theatre Honor Great Order.

Master General Sends Blessing to Fathers of St. Joseph's Province.

A NOTABLE LIST OF SPEAKERS

With the theater packed, the Dominican fathers at the big civic celebration at the Pol Theater on Sunday afternoon brought to a close the 700th anniversary celebration of the foundation of the order, which had been going on in Washington for a week. Dr. Ignatius Smith, O. P., who had been directing the celebration during the week, said that he had been informed that it was the first time in fifteen years that the Pol Theater had held such a crowd on Sunday afternoon for a church celebration.

Representative John J. Fitzgerald, of New York, presided at the meeting, the speakers at which were Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P., Provincial of the Province of St. Joseph, in which the District of Columbia is located; W. Bourke Cockran, formerly Representative in Congress from New York; Charles J. Bonaparte, formerly Attorney General and Secretary of the Navy, and William J. Kearns, of New Jersey. In welcoming the prelates, priests and people to the meeting, Representative Fitzgerald offered his own hearty congratulations to the great order of preachers on its 700th anniversary, as well as the felicitations of all present. He spoke highly of the work of the order. "If our own democracy," he continued, "is not to follow the path which led a Greece and Rome to chaos and oblivion, but is to endure, it can only do so by the application of democratic principles which today presents to an admiring world the Order of Preachers—more virile and strong after the lapse of seven centuries than on the day of birth."

Speaking of the war in Europe, Mr. Cockran said that the conditions there were frightful, and said it would be absolutely impossible to do anything to stop it without the aid of prayer. "Unless there is some confidence placed in prayer," he said, "the situation there is one of the most hopeless of all present. The only international organization left to deal with the situation is the Catholic church, and any efforts to bring about peace that do not come from the Pope are just mere words." There are many people, he said, who are skeptical of constitutionalism in this country, but he weakened very much in the last decade, so much so that some people are very pessimistic about the success of it. "The occasion this afternoon," he continued, "gives confidence in the principles of constitutionalism and the principles of democracy. You have in the Dominican order the perfect principles of democracy perfectly carried out for 700 years. Today democracy is on trial. The principles that have built up not only our great God-given rights, but the very humanness of the democratic organization in the world, are being put to the acid test of practical application. And from indications, it would seem that democracy can not stand that test, for its very strength contains the seeds of its own destruction and decay." He directed the attention of American lawyers and statesmen to the Dominican order as an ideal of democracy from which they could learn much.

Charles J. Bonaparte, speaking on "The World of St. Dominics and the World Today," said a glowing tribute to the founder of the Dominican order, and Mr. Kearns reviewed the history of the order at some length.

Father Meagher outlined to the audience the aims and purposes of the order, and welcomed the people to the celebration on behalf of the order. On the stage were several hundred prelates and representatives of Catholic orders and sisterhoods from all parts of the country.

In the little chapel at the Dominican House of Studies at Brookland Sunday morning solemn mass was celebrated, it being Catholic Orders day. This ceremony was celebrated by priests of the Jesuit order, and representatives from every Catholic order in America were present. Rev. Alphonsus J. Donlon, S. J., President of the Georgetown University, celebrated the mass; Rev. Eugene Del. McDonnell, S. J., was deacon; Rev. James Dolan, S. J., subdeacon, and Rev. George Hanlon, S. J., master of ceremonies. The sermon was preached by Rev. Paschal Robinson, O. F. M., professor of church history at the Catholic University.

At the morning services the following cablegram from Most Rev. Louis Thelshaus, Master General of the order at Rome, was read: "The Master General thanks the fathers of St. Joseph's Province, and sends blessings and congratulations." Rev. T. L. Crowley took part in all the ceremonies.